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Via E-File and Hand Delivery

The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
844 North King Street
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RE: Houlihan v. Sussex Technical School District, et al.
C.A. No. 05-00194 JJF
Our File No. 16869-D0106

Dear Judge Farnan:

Enclosed is a Stipulated Briefing Schedule, which the parties have prepared consistent with your February 9, 2006 Order granting Defendants' Motion for a Stay pending a decision by the United States Supreme Court in *Garcetti v. Ceballos*, 361 F.3d 1168 (9th Cir. 2004), *cert. granted*, 125 S.Ct. 1395 (2005). In that same Order, you denied Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, without prejudice, with leave to renew after the Supreme Court issued its decision in the *Garcetti* case. Your Order also stated that if the Motion was renewed, the parties should stipulate to a briefing schedule. As I indicated previously, the Stipulated Briefing Schedule is enclosed, and on behalf of the parties, I ask that you sign the proposed Briefing Schedule.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Briefing Schedule, I am available at the convenience of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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